

Child Nutrition Weekly Update



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USDA 150th Anniversary Proclamation

On this date 150 years ago President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation to establish the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA was established on a vision of commitment to the health of the people and the land. For generations, as well as today, that vision of commitment and service still stands. To say the least, this nation benefits from its existence daily.

The Proclamation of the 150th Anniversary of the United States Department of Agriculture was released today and is attached for your convenience.

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HBO Series Featuring School Meals Premieres this Week

The "Weight of the Nation" series will premiere this week on HBO and will stream free of charge on HBO.com. While this series has sparked an important dialogue about the challenge of childhood obesity

and opportunities for schools to contribute to the solution, the May 15th episode, "Children in Crisis" features a misleading portrayal of the state of school meals in America. SNA has contacted HBO to express concerns and share facts about the current Child Nutrition Programs operating in the United States. A copy of the letter from SNA Chief Operating Officer, Frank DiPasquale, is attached.

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Volunteers Needed to Get Students Involved



We are looking for a few school districts that are interested in participating in a pilot project to engage students in discussing the school menu and in discussing the amount of time available to eat school meals. If you are interested in volunteering your district, please contact Lynn Harvey at lynn.harvey@dpi.nc.gov

This pilot will be a great opportunity to get students involved in the school nutrition program which is also a great way to promote student participation...which as we all know, is the key to a successful school nutrition program. Let us hear from you, soon!

Weekly Q&A – Healthier US School Challenge Awards

Question

Does North Carolina have many Healthier US School Challenge Awardees?

Answer

Absolutely! Thanks to the hard work of Asheboro City Schools, Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and the Wake County Public School System, North Carolina has over 120 Healthier US School Challenge Awardees! Congratulations to these school districts and their exemplary Child Nutrition Teams for this TREMENDOUS accomplishment. These districts join Thomasville City Schools and Craven County Schools in having earned the HUSSC Award. This makes North Carolina among the top ten states in the nation for having earned the HUSSC Awards.



Certification of Compliance (“6 Cents Rule”) Webinar Available

The webinar, Certification of Compliance with the New Meal Pattern Requirements (“6 Cents rule”), that was held on May 11 at 1:00 p.m. was recorded. If you would like to view the webinar again or perhaps you were unable to attend any of the scheduled webinars you may watch/listen to it by clicking on the following link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/917724441> . Note: After you click on the link you will be required to register as if you are registering for a regular webinar. Just follow the on-screen instructions.

Also, the Powerpoint for this webinar is available for download on the Child Nutrition homepage at <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/>.

If you need assistance please contact Donna Knight at donna.knight@dpi.nc.gov .

Grant Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the Action for Healthy Kids grant has been extended to **May 18, 2012**. Please review the attached communication distributed by an Action for Healthy Kids representative for details about the grant and the new deadline.

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FF&VP Selection Process for SY 2012-2013 Update

The selection process is well underway for NC's elementary schools that will be chosen to participate in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP) for SY 2012-2013. The North Carolina State Board of Education will "approve" the school selections at their **June 2012** meeting *instead* of their May 2012



meeting as originally scheduled. As a result, schools that applied will be notified in writing if they were selected, or not, by mid-June 2012 instead of mid-May 2012. If your district had a school(s) to apply, thank you for making a note of this and sharing the update with school administrators and others.

If anyone has any concerns regarding the schedule change, please e-mail Zoe McKay-Tucker at zoe.mckaytucker@dpi.nc.gov for assistance.

Farm to School Grants

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) established a Farm to School program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. To fulfill the farm to school mandate in the HHFKA, effective October 1, 2012, \$5 million will be provided to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on an annual basis to support grants, technical assistance, and the Federal administrative costs related to USDA's farm to school program.

For contacts information, additional details about the Farm to School program or if you are interested in apply for a grant please review the program summary sheet and or you may visit the USDA website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/> .

Important Dates and Deadlines

- April 17, 2012: Request for Applications Released
- May 18, 2012: (Suggested) Letter of Intent Deadline
- June 15, 2012: Proposals Due

- (Pending the Availability of Federal Funds) Shortly after October 1, 2012: Awards Announced and Funds Available

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Rachel Ray's Yum-o! Healthy School Meal Contest

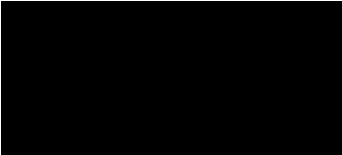
Presented by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, School Nutrition Association and the Yum-o organization!

DEADLINE: June 15, 2012

CALLING ALL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS!

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is searching for your innovative, delicious, healthy school lunches. We know you work hard every day to put together healthy and delicious school meals for your students. So send in your best healthy tray – including meat/meat alternative, bread/grain, vegetables and fruit – and get the chance to win a trip to New York City to watch a taping of the Rachael Ray show and to be featured in School Nutrition Magazine.



 The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, the School Nutrition Association and Rachael Ray's *Yum-o!* organization are a few of your biggest supporters and are joining efforts to shine the spotlight on creative meals from school nutrition professionals like you all across the country.

Be creative and give us your best. This is no time to be shy. Meals will be judged on nutrition, appeal to students, ease of replication in schools and presentation.

All submissions must be on the Alliance for a Healthier Generation website, www.healthiergeneration.org by **June 15, 2012**.

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A flyer promoting this contest is attached for your convenience.

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Mark Your Calendar

May 15 (Tuesday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Due
May 28	Memorial Day (Holiday – State offices closed)
May 7-11	School Nutrition Employee Week
June 10 (Tuesday)	Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due
TBA	Deadline for Submission of 2012-13 Agreement Renewal
June 20-22	NC School Nutrition Association Conference
July 10	Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due
July 15-18	SNA Annual National Conference (Denver, CO)

**** REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10th falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. With that said, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any reimbursement submitted after the 10th with the “10 day” error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.

TRAINING

May 10	Webinar – Certification of Compliance with the New Meal Pattern Requirements (“6 cents rule”) 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
May 11	Webinar – Certification of Compliance with the New Meal Pattern Requirements (“6 cents rule”) 10:00 am – 11:00 am & 1:00 – 2:00 pm
May 21	Financial Management Workshop (McKimmon Center, Raleigh)
May 24	School Breakfast Workshop (Raleigh, NC)
June 1	School Breakfast Workshop (Hickory, NC)

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